

REMARKS

Applicant recognizes with appreciation that Examiner has indicated that Claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 – 25 and 27 – 31 without prejudice or disclaimer and amended Claims 26. Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of Claim 25. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended claim. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1 – 25 and 27 – 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Auld et al. (US 6,327,000), hereinafter Auld, in view of Lim (US 5,444,491), hereinafter Lim.

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the embodiments of present-claimed invention are not obvious over Auld in view of Lim. More specifically, Claims 1 – 25 and 27 – 31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The rejection to these claims is moot.

Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully requested.

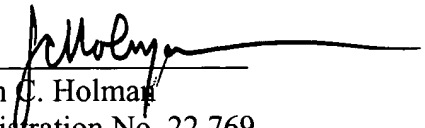
Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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